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SUBJECT: CSCE: PARAMETERS FOR MANEUVER CBM

1. AUSTRIAN NEUTRAL CAUCUS LEADER CONFIRMED TO US
JUNE 12 THAT NEUTRALS ARE CONTINUING TO HOLD BACK
PROPOSED COMPROMISE ON PARAMETERS FOR FEAR THAT THEY WILL
BE UNDERCUT BY WESTERN DEAL WITH SOVIETS ON BASIS OF
"WASHINGTON PARAMETERS." AUSTRIAN REP ADDED THAT
IT WAS IRONIC THAT SOVIETS HAD BEEN PRESSING HIM TO
INTRODUCE NEUTRAL COMPROMISE PACKAGE LAST WEEK WITH
NATO REPS TRYING TO HOLD NEUTRALS BACK; THIS WEEK
THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED COMPLETELY, WITH ALLIES
NOW POSING NO OBJECTION, BUT SOVIETS TRYING TO
HOLD NEUTRALS BACK.

- 2. NEUTRALS WILL PROBABLY NOT MOVE UNTIL REASSURED BY ALLIES, IN PARTICULAR US, THAT NO DEAL WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF "WASHINGTON PARAMETERS."
- 3. FRENCH REP SHOWED US TEXT OF PARIS REPLY TO
 US INQUIRY ABOUT WASHINGTON PARAMETERS, AND EXPLAINED
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THAT WORDS "FACILITER UN COMPROMIS" WERE NOT RPT NOT

INTENDED TO INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OF 250 KMS, BUT RATHER TO INDICATE THAT SOVIET MOVE IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TOWARD AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. FRENCH DELEGATION CONTINUES TO ACT ON BASIS OF MINISTERS' AGREEMENT ON 300 KMS AS MINIMUM ALLIED TERMS.

4. SINCE ALL PROGRESS ON CBMS IS NOW HELD UP PENDING
ALLIED RESPONSE TO SOVIETS ON WASHINTON PARAMETERS,
WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY
TO SOVIETS TO EFFECT THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT NEUTRAL
PACKAGE (300 KMS/25,000 TROOPS/21 DAYS) WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS (PREFERABLY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13) IF THEY
STILL HOPE TO HAVE STAGE III IN JULY. SUCH A CONCESSION
COULD HAVE DECISIVE EFFECT ON MEETING OF EC-9 POLITICAL
DIRECTORS ON MONDAY, JUNE 16, WHILE ABSENCE OF SUCH A
CONCESSION MIGHT LEAD TO A NEGATIVE DECISION ON TIMING. DALE

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